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SUBJECT: DEMARCHE REQUEST: PROMOTION OF STANDING COMMITTEE  
CANDIDATE

REF: SECSTATE 102873

(U) Charge and A/DCM met with Mr. Saleumxay Kommasith, Acting Director General, Department of International Organizations, Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MFA), to deliver referenced demarche on July 25. Saleumxay said the Government of Laos (GOL) will carefully consider Mr. Carr's qualifications. He noted that the Lao delegation to Geneva should be in place by the time of the ICRC's November vote. MFA Permanent Secretary Mr. Somphet Khousakoun has been chosen to be the GOL's Ambassador in Geneva, covering both international organizations as well as accredited as Ambassador to Switzerland. The GOL has had a three-person advance team in Geneva since June looking for an office location as well as residences. Mr. Saleumxay, who had just returned from Geneva this past weekend, said he expected the "semi-permanent" location for the office would be finalized in early August.  
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